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### Rear Adm. Fellin assigned as Vice Commander SPAWAR

**WASHINGTON D.C.** — The Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark announced yesterday that Rear Adm. (lower half) Tom S. Fellin is being assigned as Vice Commander for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. Fellin is currently serving as commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas, and U.S. Pacific Command representative, Guam.

### *Biography*

Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin  
United States Navy  
Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Marianas  
Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command Representative Guam  
Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands  
Federated States of Micronesia / Republic of Palau



Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin became the 31st Commander Naval Forces Marianas on December 3, 1999. He is the regional commander for Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Command Representative for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau. The geographic scope of these responsibilities covers a portion of the western Pacific nearly as large as the United States.

Born in Colorado, Rear Admiral Fellin graduated from Fort Lewis College in 1970. He entered the Navy through Aviation Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in February 1971 and later designated a Naval Flight Officer in August 1971.

At sea, Rear Adm. Fellin commanded the Navy's only permanently forward deployed aircraft carrier, *USS Independence* (CV 62), from 1996 to 1997. He also commanded *USS Cleveland* (LPD 7), an amphibious warship, from 1993 to 1995 and an A-6 *Intruder* all weather attack squadron, Attack Squadron ONE NINE SIX, from 1987 to 1988. In addition, he was the Deputy Commander of Air Wing ELEVEN in 1990 and 1991.

Ashore, Rear Adm. Fellin has served on the Joint Staff from 1997 to 1999; the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations; and other major naval aviation staffs and shore stations.

Rear Adm. Fellin has accumulated over 3,500 flight hours in the A-6 *Intruder*. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal, and various other naval campaign unit and service awards.

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